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§21–205.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “CTE” means Career and Technology Education.
- (3) “Grant” means the Career and Technology Education Innovation Grant.
- (b) (1) There is a Career and Technology Education Innovation Grant.
- (2) The purpose of the Grant is to provide funds to develop and implement a CTE curriculum framework and pathway that is innovative and includes best practices that are used by the best CTE programs around the world.
- (3) The Department shall administer the Grant.
- (c) (1) (i) A county board or a community college may submit a proposal to the Department to receive a grant for a CTE pathway that is in furtherance of the purpose of the Grant.
- (ii) To be eligible for a grant, an application shall identify a partnership with at least one county board, one community college, and one industry partner to develop an innovative CTE pathway that:
 - 1. Is of high quality;
 - 2. Is aligned with the skills needed by employers;
 - 3. Will lead to an industry–recognized license or certificate;
 - 4. Creates internship or apprenticeship opportunities; and
 - 5. Prepares students to successfully compete in a global economy.
- (2) An application shall include:

(i) A description of the proposed curriculum framework and pathway that is articulated between secondary and postsecondary education or training;

(ii) A business plan that includes the estimated total cost, including any one-time or capital equipping costs, of implementing the proposed curriculum framework and pathway; and

(iii) Any other information required by the Department.

(3) The Department shall establish processes and procedures for accepting and evaluating applications.

(4) The Department shall make awards in a timely fashion.

(d) (1) The Governor shall annually appropriate at least \$2,000,000 in the operating budget of the Department for the grant program.

(2) The Department may retain up to 3% of the appropriation required under this subsection to hire staff necessary to administer the grant program.

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